

**Government of Andhra Pradesh**

**ABSTRACT:**

State Level Functions – Serving of Invitations to VIPs – Introduction of the method of sending invitations by SMS as one of the modes of sending invitations – Orders – Issued.

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**Youth Advancement, Tourism & Cultural Affairs (CA) Department**

**GO Ms No. 66**

**Dated 13 -9-2010**

**ORDER:**

Government have been organizing several State Functions / Celebrations under stewardship of various Departments of the Government, evincing meticulous care and giving no scope for criticism of any kind and inconvenience to the VIPs and citizens to witness the functions. Of late, failure in serving of invitations to such functions in time to the Legislators, Ministers, Members of Parliament and other important dignitaries has been observed due to certain inherent difficulties in finalizing the invitations, shortage of staff and paucity of time in extending the invitations. As a result, invitations could not be served to all the VIPs, and thereby creating avoidable embarrassment to the Government in various forums.

Government have, therefore, after careful examination of the matter hereby order that in such exceptional circumstances the invitations can as well be extended / served to the invitees including all VIPs through SMS method which is the most reliable and safe as the invitation reaches the VIPs. This may, however, be followed by a telephonic call by a senior civil servant designated for the purpose. The message composed for SMS shall have to be approved by any senior civil servant of the concerned department vested with such responsibility.

Government also order that the existing traditional practice of delivering the invitations to the VIPs by physically handing over the invitations to them, by giving on advertisement in the Press and by contacting them over telephone shall continue in all other cases.

**(By order and in the name of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh)**

**Dr S. Chellappa  
Principal Secretary to Government**

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